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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON:—F. ALGER, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street. GEORGE STREET & Co., 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GOTCH, Ludgate Circus. E. C. BATES, HENRY & Co., 4, Old Jewry, E.C. SAMUEL DRAGON & Co., 160 & 162, Leadenhall Street.

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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000 Dollars.

RESERVE FUND, \$1,200,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—F. D. SASSON, Esq.
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CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.

MANAGER.

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LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " " "
" 12 " 5 " " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, November 26, 1878.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 5 per Annum.
" 6 " " 4 " " "
" 12 " " 5 " " "

On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office.

D. A. J. CROMBIE, Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £2800,000.

RESERVE FUND, £1600,000.

BANKERS.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE

NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On Current Accounts, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

OR FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " " "
" 12 " 5 " " "

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

FINE NEW FIGS, direct from Smyrna. Brazil and Barcelona NUTS. LETT'S DIARIES for 1879. Central and Pin Fire CARTRIDGE CASES.

CLOTH and FELT GUN-WADS. American PARLOUR and COOKING STOVES.

COAL SCUTTLES, new designs. FENDERS and FIRE IRONS. COCOA MATTING.

TAPESTRY CARPET. DOOR MATS.

California LAMBSWOOL BLANKETS. WHITNEY BLANKETS.

REP and other TABLE COVERS, Fancy Patterns.

TABLE LINEN. Fine TURKISH TOWELS.

LINEN-SHEETING. PILLOW LINEN.

GREEN and MARONE REP. FLANNEL SHIRTINGS.

FANCY FLANNEL for Gents' Suits. NAVY BLUE SERGE.

CLOTH TROWSER LENGTHS, Assorted Patterns.

ALBUMS, in great variety. CRUMB BRUSHES and TRAYS.

CHUBB'S CASH and DEED BOXES. VEYRON'S AUTOMATIC COFFEE MACHINES.

COFFEE ROASTERS. TREMBLING CALL BELLS.

IMPERIAL TRACING CLOTH. DESSERT, DINNER and BREAK-FAST SERVICES.

TABLE GLASSWARE, of every Description.

FOLDING CHAIRS. CIGARS, CIGARETTES.

KELLY'S FAMOUS CUT TOBACCOS. HOUSEHOLD STORES, of every Description.

CLARET in Casks. MALT. HOPS. CAUSTIC SODA. CANADIAN POTASH.

CARBOLIC ACID. CHLORIDE OF LIME, &c., &c., &c.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.

Hongkong, November 18, 1878.

SAM HING STULTZ,

HAS JUST RECEIVED PER "CYPRUS,"

AND

HAS FOR SALE—

NEW PATTERNS in CARPETS.

WINDOW CURTAINS of all kinds.

TABLE CLOTHS & TABLE NAPKINS.

HATS in EVERY STYLE.

DRESS BOOTS, and SHOES.

88 and 90, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, December 11, 1878.

Intimations.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, 39, Queen's Road, Victoria, at HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK in the Afternoon of MONDAY, the 24th February next, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1878.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 24th February, both days inclusive.

By Order, JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 24, 1879.

TAKEN.

FROM Central Police Station on the Night of 25th December, or a.m. of 26th, One TRUNK, with Lady's Evening Apparel, &c. Also, One New Red Rep Sofa, and New Blue Satin BED QUILT. A suitable Reward will be given for their return, or any information leading to their Recovery, by applying to

MISS GORDON.

No. 13, A, Peel Street.

Hongkong, February 8, 1879.

SPANISH STEAMER LETTE.

TENDERS are desired for the REPAIRS of the above Steamer, now in the Port of MANILA and Damaged from collision and stranding.

Such Repairs to include everything necessary to replace the Lette in her class on Lloyd's Register, and to be made under the supervision and to the entire satisfaction of Lloyd's Inspector.

Copy of Survey on the Lette is in the hands of Messrs Russell & Co.

For further Particulars, apply to

PHILIP HUBBELL & Co.,

Manila.

Agents for the Lette.

Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

For Sale.

EX LATE ARRIVALS.

WOOLLEN SOCKS, DRAWERS and UNDERSHIRTS. LETT'S DIARIES. LETT'S DIARIES. RIDING WHIPS, BRIDLES and PONY HARNESS. RUG STRAPS, YORK HAMS, CHIT BOOKS. HORSE CLIPPERS, FILTERS, SILBER LAMPS. French and English BOOTS and SHOES. The New Patent LIFE VESTS. PONY HARNESS, CHUBB'S FIREPROOF SAFES. SALAMANDERS for Heating Baths.

WORKS OF REFERENCE, California APPLES. HAIR BRUSHES, BILLIARD CLOTHS. COPYING PRESSES, CHRISTY'S HATS. SCARFS, COLLARS, KID GLOVES.

FOOD WARMERS, CIGARETTES. CRICKET BATS, BALLS, GLOVES, &c. PARTAGA'S HAVANA CIGARS.

BATH TOWELS, PAINT BOXES. DAMASK for Table, Cloths, STATIONERY.

PATENT WATER CLOSETS, POCKET BOOKS. DOG COLLARS and CHAINS, TENNIS BALLS. CHILDREN'S BOOKS, VALISES.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's DRESSING BAGS, Fitted. AIR CUSHIONS, BILLIARD BALLS.

SHORT SNIDERS with SWORD BAYONETS. Bass's ALE.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, Bottled by FOSTER. Bass in Hides, SACCONI'S SHERRIES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, January 9, 1879.

Intimations.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 15th day of February next, at THREE O'CLOCK p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1878.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Intimations.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 3rd, to SATURDAY, the 15th February next (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Tenth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 7, Queen's Road, on WEDNESDAY, the 26th February next, at Three O'clock in the Afternoon, to receive a Statement of Accounts for the Year 1878, the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th day of February next, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS.

of the above Company, will be held at the Office of the General Agents, on THURSDAY, the 20th Instant, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1878.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, February 4, 1879.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company.

will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 20th Instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, February 4, 1879.

Entertainment.

ROYAL YOOON JAPANESE TROUPE.

THIS Company has just completed a very successful tour through India where they have had the honor of appearing before HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONOURABLE LORD LYTON, G.C.S.I., Viceroy and Governor-General of India.

And all the principal PRINCES and RAJAS. They have also travelled with great success through

ENGLAND!

—AUSTRALIA!! and

NEW ZEALAND!!!

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL,

ON

SATURDAY AND MONDAY,

the 15th and 17th February, 1879.

The Company is now returning home to Japan, and beg to inform the Public that they will give

TWO GRAND PERFORMANCES,

INTRODUCING

ALL THE STARTLING WONDERS

for which

THIS TROUPE IS FAMED

and which have caused a great sensation wherever they have appeared.

READ THE PROGRAMME.

THE JAPANESE INVISIBLE SLACK WIRE.

By TORA KITCHIE.

The Greatest Wonder in Balancing ever witnessed.

THE JAPANESE MAGIC LADDER.

by the Little Marvel—EVA KITCHIE.

This Astonishing feat performed by a mere child astonishes and delights all beholders.

BENDING AND CONTORTION.

By MAX KITCHIE.

Who has been pronounced by the Press to be a Living Wonder.

SLACK ROPE PERFORMANCE.

By LITTLE JAPANESE TOMMY.

THE SWINGING BAMBOO.

By EVA KITCHIE.

JAPANESE MAGIC

INTRODUCING THE WONDERFUL BIRD OAGE TRICK.

JAPANESE TOP SPINNING

and

MAGIC DAGGER.

By MEMBERS OF THE TROUPE.

JAPANESE TUMBLING

in which Act, TORA KITCHIE will leap through

A HOOP OF FIRE!!!

SINGLE TRAPPEZ AND BALANCING.

By EVA KITCHIE.

DOUBLE SWINGING TRAPEZE.

By the Japanese Sisters MAY and EVA.

THE GREATEST WONDER OF THE 19TH CENTURY

"LA PEOCHE."

THE GREAT AMERICAN ROPE-TYING TRICK.

The whole forming a Pleading, and Astonishing Entertainment.

The Company can positively only Perform

TWO NIGHTS.

So embrace the opportunity and Come Early.

Doors Open at 8.30, to Commence at 9 p.m.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:—

Upstairs, \$2. Downstairs, \$1.

Children, Half Price.

Tickets to be had at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and at the Doors of the Theatre.

Hongkong, February 5, 1879.

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL,

CITY HALL,

HONGKONG.

THE HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY

will perform

ON

THURSDAY EVENING,

February 13th, 1879.

THE ENTIRELY ORIGINAL NAUTICAL COMIC OPERA,

In Two Acts,

W. S. GILBERT and ARTHUR SULLIVAN,

Entitled:

H. M. S. "PINAFORE,"

OR

THE LASS THAT LOVED A SAILOR.

DRAMATIS PERSONE.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph Porter, K.C.B., First Lord of the Admiralty, Captain Corcoran, Commanding H. M. S. "Pinafore," Ralph Rackett, Able Seaman, Bill Bobstay, Boatswain, Tom Tucker, Midshipman, Sergeant of Marines, Josephine, the Captain's Daughter, Hilda, Sir Joseph's First Cousin, Little Buttercup, a Humboat Woman, First Lord's Sisters, his Cousins, his Aunts, Sailors, Marines, &c., &c.

by

MEMBERS OF THE H. K. CHORAL SOCIETY.

Conductor, Mr C. F. A. SANGSTER.

Accompanist, Mr F. PANIZZA.

By kind permission of Colonel JAGO, and Officers of the 74th Regiment, the Band will Perform selections during the Evening.

Doors Open at 8.30 p.m., Performance to Commence at 9.

TICKETS may be secured and Seats reserved at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s.

G. B. EMORY, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, February 6, 1879.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above-named Company, will be held at the Company's Office, No. 39, Queen's Road, in the city of Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 10th day of March next, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of passing certain Special Resolutions providing for the following alterations in the Constitution and Articles of Association of the Company; viz:—

1.—That the Business of the Company be in future managed by a Board of Directors and a Secretary instead of the former and General Agents as heretofore.

2.—That if in the opinion of the Directors the Business of the Company in any year be such as not to Warrant the Payment of Interest at \$12 per cent. per annum on the Paid-up Capital, they may during such year reduce such Rate to such lower amount as they may consider desirable for the interests of the Company.

3.—To enable the Directors if a necessity shall arise to pay such Interest or any part thereof out of the Reserve

Auctions.

POSTPONEMENT.
PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY,

the 14th February, 1879, at Noon, at the Residence of Messrs W. PUSTAU & Co., Praya.

The whole of the HOUSEHOLD and OFFICE FURNITURE, &c., comprising—

Green Rep covered Drawing-room Suite.

Blackwood Carved Sofas.

Blackwood Carved Marble-top Centre Tables, Side Tables, and Tea Poya.

Cassiers, Gas Brackets, Engravings, Mirrors, Clocks, Carpets, and Hearth-rugs.

Extension Dining Table, Sideboard, Whatnots, Dinner, Dessert, and Breakfast Sets, Glass-ware and Plated-ware.

Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Couches, Chairs, Davenport, Glass Book-cases and Books.

Office Desks, Shelves, Pigeon Holes, Paper Presses, Book Stands, Copying Press, Cup-boards, &c.

1 PIANO, by B. HARTEL.

1 Patent Fireproof IRON SAFE.

And,

1 6-Oared BOAT, with Oars, Awning, &c., complete.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after Monday, the 10th Instant.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 10, 1879. fe14

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on the Premises, on

SATURDAY,

the 22nd day of February, 1879, at Noon, if not previously sold by private contract, of which due notice will be given.

THE ORIENTAL SUGAR REFINERY, situated on the Praya at Wanchai, now in complete working order and capable of refining 500 piculs of raw sugar per day. The Property comprises all that valuable piece of ground situated at Wanchai, Hongkong, abutting on the North side on the Praya, and measuring thereon One Hundred and Sixty feet, on the South side on the Queen's Road, and measuring thereon Two Hundred feet, on the East side on a close registered in the Land Office as Marine Lot No. 42, and measuring thereon Five Hundred and Four feet, and on the West side on a close registered in the Land Office as Marine Lot No. 64 A, and measuring thereon Three Hundred and Eighty-two feet, containing in the whole 86,200 square feet, or nearly two statute acres, all level ground, registered in the Land Office as Marine Lot No. 40, held for an unexpired term of 979 years from 1863, with the valuable Messuages and Buildings thereon, which were especially built for the purposes of a Sugar Refinery according to Weinrich's Patent and other approved processes, with the valuable new Machinery, Plant, Fixtures and Fittings thereon. Also the sole right and benefit of the Patent for Refining Sugar by the Weinrich Process, obtained from the Government of Hongkong by WILLIAM MCGREGOR SMITH for the term of Fourteen Years from the 28th day of May, 1874.

There is an abundant and unfailing supply of fresh water on the Premises, ample for refining over 2,000 piculs of Sugar daily.

The whole Property will be sold free from all charges and Incumbrances save the Crown Rent and Taxes, subject to the conditions of Sale, which can be inspected at the Office of the Under-

signed.

For further particulars and conditions of sale, apply to WILLIAM HENRY BRERETON, Solicitor, No. 29 Queen's Road; Messrs SHARP, TOLLER & JOHNSON, Solicitors, Supreme Court House; and Messrs STEPHENS & HOLMES, Solicitors, Club Chambers; or

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 8th day of Feb., 1879.

Intimations.

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS will visit SHANGHAI during the Summer Months, leaving HONGKONG on the 1st of April next.

Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER, DR. EASTLAKE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 60, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

Fontenay, British ship, Capt. Geo. B. Taylor.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

Pacific, German steamer, Capt. Hermann—Nielsen & Co.

Hakon Adelstein, Norwegian steamer, Captain O. O. Berge.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

Berkeoven, German barque, Capt. E. Bjo.—Melchers & Co.

S. B. Allen, American barque, Captain J. Taylor.—Meyer & Co.

Thinevalka, Danish steamer, Captain Melcher.—Meyer & Co.

And Billa, British barque, Captain Theo. Schmitt.—Meyer & Co.

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, Club Chambers, on MONDAY, 24th February, 1879, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1878; and for the election of Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 24th Instant, both days included.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. GILLIES, Secretary.

Hongkong, February 6, 1879. fe24

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the RATE of 3% or \$2.25 per SHARE, declared at the Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of Shareholders held This Day, will be Payable at the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on and after FRIDAY Next, the 31st Instant.

Shareholders are requested to apply at the Office of the Company for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 29, 1879.

NOTIFICATION.

A COPY of the JURY LIST for 1879, is posted at the Supreme Court House for inspection. Notice of any inaccuracies, Omissions, Objections, &c., must be given to the Registrar, on or before SATURDAY, the 15th day of February, A.D. 1879, in accordance with the provisions of Section 8 of Ordinance No. 11 of 1864.

It is further notified that no person whose name is on the List as a Juror, will be excused from service on the ground of any exemption to which he may be entitled, or on the ground of any want of qualification, unless such exemption shall have been claimed and established, or such want of qualification duly proved, at or before the time above specified.

C. B. PLUNKET, Registrar.

Hongkong, February 1, 1879. fe12

NOTICE.

MRS. J. F. ROSE begs to intimate to the Ladies of HONGKONG, CANTON and the Coast Ports that on the 1st MARCH she will OPEN a DRAPERY and DRESS-MAKING Business in the Premises lately occupied by Messrs. ROSE & Co., next door to the Hongkong Hotel, Queen's Road.

All communications to be addressed to Mrs. J. F. ROSE, as the Business will be conducted on her sole account.

Hongkong, February 1, 1879. mal

TAKASHIMA COAL.

THE Undersigned are prepared to DELIVER the above COAL, ex Godown, in quantities to suit Purchasers.

LINSTEAD & Co.

Hongkong, February 1, 1879. mal

PLEASE NOTICE.

MR. H. SCHÜREN begs to advertise that he will leave this Colony for Europe on or about the 8th of March next, and that therefore no Photos can be taken by him after the 28th of February.

Hongkong, January 13, 1879. ye13

TO LET.

PORTION of a HOUSE, very suitable for OFFICES and DWELLING, also for a STORE, Queen's Road Central. Possession 1st March next.

Apply to LANDSTEIN & Co.

Hongkong, February 4, 1879.

TO LET.

IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65, formerly known as the Blue Houses, situated on Praya East:—

FIRST FLOOR, No. 2, with possession 1st February.

HOUSE No. 4, Praya East, either the whole House or in Flats, with possession on the 1st April next.

As also,

A FRONT and BACK ROOM in the DWELLING to the eastward of the Pier, with part of its spacious Verandah. Immediate Possession.

Apply to TURNER & Co.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

TO LET.

FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS, attached to Blue Houses at Wanchai, MARINE LOT 65.

Also,

A SPACIOUS TIMBER YARD, close to the Wanchai Pier. Timber received on Storage or the Yard Rented.

For further particulars, apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 16, 1878.

TO BE LET.

TWO Excellent STONE-FLOORED GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10, Praya Central.

Apply to TURNER & Co.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

TO LET.

FIRST CLASS OFFICES and GODOWNS, Nos. 54 and 60, Praya Central.

Apply to WO HANG,

Nos. 6 and 7, Praya West.

Hongkong, January 8, 1879.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. WALTER SCOTT FITZ, in our Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on the 31st December last.

Mr. CHARLES VINCENT SMITH is admitted a Partner from This Date.

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1879. jyl

NOTICE.

I HAVE admitted Captain EDWARD BURNIE to an Interest in my Business of MARINE SURVEYOR.

R. H. CAIRNS.

Club Chambers,

Hongkong, February 6, 1879. mal

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day ESTABLISHED myself as a COMMISSION MERCHANT, &c., at No. 2, Queen's Road, under the Style of "J. G. SMITH & Co."

J. GRANT SMITH.

Hongkong, January 1, 1879.

NOTICE.

MR. EZEKIEL ABRAHAM SOLOMON has been admitted a Partner in our Firm at this Port and in China, from 1st January, 1879.

E. D. SASSOON & Co.

Hongkong, January 24, 1879. fe24

NOTICE.

MR. ROBERT BERNHARD has This Day CEASED to be a Partner in our Business.

HEINEMANN & Co.,

Ship Brokers.

Hongkong, January 17, 1879. fe17

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day ESTABLISHED myself as GENERAL MERCHANT and COMMISSION AGENT at this Port. During my temporary absence from China, my Business will be CONDUCTED by Mr. EDWARD DAVIS, who is also authorized to Sign my name per Procuration.

F. R. TALBOT.

Canton, February 5, 1879. fe13

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW. The Steamship "YESSO," Capt. S. ASHROTH, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 13th Instant, at Daylight, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, February 11, 1879. fe13

FOR TAKAO, KOBE & YOKOHAMA. The Steamship "AGEAN," Capt. S. ASHROTH, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 13th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to LINSTEAD & Co.

Hongkong, February 11, 1879. fe13

FOR SINGAPORE, PORT DARWIN, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling off the usual Coast Ports, and taking through Cargo and Passengers for New Zealand.)

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "BRISBANE," Capt. R. REDFERN, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 22nd Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, February 11, 1879. fe22

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE SOCIETY'S ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF FLOWERS, FRUIT, VEGETABLES, &c., will be held TO-MORROW and THURSDAY, the 12th and 13th of February, 1879.

Gates Open at 2 p.m. Band will Commence at 3 p.m. ADMISSION:—

First Day,.....\$2.

Second Day,.....\$1.

Tickets to be had at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

W. M. B. ARTHUR,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, February 11, 1879. fe13

FROM LONDON, AND PORTS OF CALL.

THE S. S. Radnorshire having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk by the Undersigned into their Godowns, whence and from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless applied for by the Consignees by 11 a.m., To-morrow.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 18th Instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 11, 1879. fe13

EDUCATION.

THE Colonial Chaplain proposes to Open a CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL for Boys at the CHAPLAINCY, Bonham Road, on MONDAY, the 17th Instant. A Master has been engaged and a Room has been fitted up for the purpose. The Chaplain will give his personal superintendence.

Full Particulars will be given on applying. Either Personally or by Letter, to R. HAYWARD & CO., The Chaplaincy, Hongkong.

February 11, 1879. fe13

To-day's Advertisements.



NAVAL CONTRACT, 1879-80.

SEALED TENDERS, in duplicate, will be Received by the Undersigned, until Noon on TUESDAY, the 25th Instant, from Persons desirous of SUPPLYING the following ARTICLES for the use of H. M. Navy for the Year 1879-80, viz:—

BISCUIT. RAISINS. RICE. SUGAR. TEA. WATER.

Printed Forms of Tenders and further particulars can be obtained at the Naval Storekeeper's Office.

The right to reject the lowest or any Tender is reserved.

J. BRENNER, Storekeeper.

H. M. Victualling Yard, Hongkong, February 11, 1879. fe25

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Feb. 10, Maritima, Spanish steamer, 400, Munoz, Manila Feb. 7, General.—RAMEROS & Co.

Feb. 11, Malva, British steamer, 1775, P. S. Tomlin, Shanghai Feb. 8, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Feb. 11, Radnorshire, British steamer, 1201, Robert Thompson, London Dec. 17, via ports of call, and Singapore Feb. 3, General.—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

DEPARTURES.

Feb. 11, Fleeting, for New York. 11, Dale, for Bangkok. 11, Taiwan, for Amoy, &c.

CLEARED.

Fontenay, for Calao.

Penedo, for Saigon.

Eve, for Whampoa.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Malva, from Shanghai: for Southampton, Mrs. Krause, 4 children and amah, Mrs. Cory, infant and amah; for Hongkong, Messrs G. K. Johnstone, E. A. Sassoon and servant, R. A. Gubbay and servant, J. D. Brand, R. Ferguson, J. McGregor, J. Sharpe, S. W. Thayer, and J. L. Merriam, and 9 Chinese.

Per Radnorshire, from London, Messrs Moss and Clutton, and 18 Pollicemen.

DEPARTED.

Per Dale, for Bangkok, 99 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The Spanish steamer Maritima reports: Fine clear weather throughout.

The British steamer Radnorshire reports: Strong head winds from Singapore, and heavy sea, ship pitching bows under nearly all the way.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOCOW.—Per Yesso, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 12th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For HOIHOW & HAIPHONG, (with Mails for Pakhoi and Hanoi).—Per Atlanta, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 12th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For TAKAO, HIOGO, AND YOKOHAMA.—Per Egean, at 11.30 a.m., on Thursday, the 14th inst.

For SAIGON.—Per Hakon Adelstein, at 8.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 13th inst.

Per Olympia, at 4.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 13th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For HOIHOW AND PAKHOI.—Per H.M.S. Vigilant, at 5 p.m., on Thursday, the 13th inst.

For STRAITS, COLOMBO, SUEZ, AND LONDON.—Per Glenlyde, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday, the 14th inst.

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, AND CALCUTTA.—Per Moray and Arratoon Apar, at 2.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 15th inst.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.—The British Contract Packet Malva, will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 15th instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples, to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the Australian Colonies, S. or S. Africa, nor for Mauritius.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—The French Contract Packet Yangtze will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 22nd instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples, to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Alexandria. This is the best opportunity for forwarding correspondence to E. Africa, the Cape, St. Helena, and Antananarivo.

MAILS BY THE TORRES STRAITS PACKET.—The Australian Contract Packet Brisbane, will be despatched from Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 22nd instant, with Mails for Singapore, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cleveland Bay, Bowen, Koppell Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Tasmania, New Zealand, Fiji, and Melbourne.

Correspondence cannot be Registered after 11.40 a.m.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.—The United States Mail Packet City of Peking will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 22nd February, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows:—

2.15 p.m. Registry of Letters closes.

2.30 p.m. Post-Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 15 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Miscellaneous.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE cases at the Police Court to-day were of no interest to our readers.

We are requested to state that, in consequence of the Bishop's absence, the Thursday evening services at St. Paul's College Chapel are suspended for some weeks. There will be no service next Thursday.

CAPTAIN Kerruish, of the British barque *Black Watch*, was charged to-day before the Harbour Master at the instance of some members of his crew for using threatening and abusive language towards his crew. The case was dismissed.

THE Band of the 74th Highlanders will perform the following programme at the Flower Show to-morrow afternoon, commencing at 3 p.m.:

March,.....*Maid of Orleans*,.....Cowen.
Valse,.....*Spring Flowers*,.....Bousquet.
Selection,.....*Don Pasquale*,.....Donizetti.
Valse,.....*Casino Tanze*,.....Gungl.
Selection,.....*La Belle Helene*,.....Offenbach.
Galop,.....*Tantwerber*,.....Seacat.

At length we have some chance of sleeping in peace at night, as the *S. S. Radnorshire* arrived here to-day with eighteen recruits for our Police force. Two or three batches of men like this may render our lives a little safer than they have been of late.

In view of the fact that Bishop Burdon has closed the School at St. Paul's College, and that there is clearly room here for a well-conducted Protestant school for boys, it will be good news to many parents to learn that the Colonial Chaplain has engaged a master and made other necessary arrangements to make the experiment of opening a Church of England School for Boys. As the Rev. Mr. Kidd will give his personal superintendence to the School, the schoolroom being in the Chaplaincy, the scheme is likely to have a fair and honest trial. Its failure or success will prove whether Hongkong has or has not any desire for a select Protestant school for her boys.

We regret to learn that a telegram has reached town conveying the intelligence of the scuttling of the British barque *Kate Waters*, Captain Gelse, and the murder of the captain and officers by the Malay crew. The *Kate Waters* left this for Foochow, and has since been missing, indeed was given up as lost, but no one ever dreamt of the dreadful tragedy which has been enacted on board of her. We believe that H. E. the Governor has communicated with the Harbour Master, with a view of finding out what men comprised the crew. This is another instance of the folly of carrying such cut-throat rascals on board of a ship.

It is now subject of remark that the interpretation of Chinese in the Supreme Court proceeds with an ease and smoothness which has been quite unknown hitherto. Whether it be that Mr. Dyer Ball has or has not greater facility for grasping the real meaning of the Judge's English, as well as, on the other hand, the exact ideas conveyed by the Chinese suitor or witness, we are not sufficiently sinological to say. That the new interpretation in Chinese, however, has all the appearance of being thoroughly satisfactory, there can be no doubt; and this is unmistakably matter for the sincerest congratulation. With a department, under an efficient head, such as that sketched out some time ago, and with material to manipulate like that of which Mr. Dyer Ball appears to be made, there are glimpses of hope that the Courts of Justice in Hongkong may yet become something more than "a Babel of tongues."

By advices from Manila we learn that the case of the steamer *Gunga* has not terminated, as many of our readers may have been led to suppose. It appears that the case, when referred home to England; was not taken up by the British Government, the ground alleged being that all the legal remedies had not been availed of in the matter. On the case coming back, therefore, the Manila authorities have complained against judgment in their own favour, and the case will now, we believe, be appealed to Madrid. It may be questioned by some whether it is possible to obtain a "legal" remedy for a grievance the existence of which is owing to an entire lack of international reciprocity. It might even be matter for doubt whether it is advisable to continue the existing unsatisfactory arrangements between the two countries interested, so long as the advantages, if not the courtesy and consideration, are all on the other side. It is to be hoped that the arrival of an independent Consul at Manila, in the person of Mr. W. B. Pauli, R.N., may have a healthy effect upon the present wretched condition of affairs at that port.

Forty-seven Koreans arrived here yesterday by the Canton steamer in charge of a Chinese Military Mandarins. We understand that these men were shipwrecked on some remote part of the coast, and have been forwarded through the country by the Chinese authorities. They appear to be in

a state of semi-starvation—one of them, in fact, being more dead than alive. On arriving here they were taken to a boarding-house by the mandarin who conducted them hither, and probably to this moment they believe themselves under the protection of the Dragon Throne and on Chinese soil; indeed, we have been told that the whole 47 had been made to believe that Hongkong was a dependency of China, and paid tribute to the brother of the sun and nearest relation of the moon. This is a matter which our authorities should at once see to. Much good might be done through the agency of these 47 poor half-starved wretches, and something might be attempted on this occasion towards enlightening the inhabitants of that almost unknown country (Korea) as to the doings of the outside world, and the people who live beyond the seas in their antipodes. The arrival of these poor fellows appears to be quite unknown to the authorities; that is possibly one of the benefits of a free country. A gang of slaves might be landed here, and housed for a few days or even weeks, without any one being much the wiser.

THE Entertainment at the Temperance Hall last evening drew together a large audience. Mr. Lammett was raised from his usual seat at the piano, he having been prevented from attending at the eleventh hour. The popular and energetic chairman (the Rev. Mr. Henderson) very good-naturedly supplied the want felt by his absence. The piece of the evening was undoubtedly a performance on the violin by Mr. McIlwraith, who played a selection of Scotch Airs with such taste and feeling that he was vociferously recalled. Mr. Fairweather, of the 74th, also won upon the audience by his capital comic singing. He sang in character, his first song being entitled "You'll be sorry for this," and looked the very picture of a man with a large family borne down by trouble into a confirmed misanthrope; but his next song, "Jeremiah Browne," was if anything even better rendered than the first; it would have been bad for Browne if he had put in an appearance at that time, for Fairweather looked as though he meant it. "Faust in five minutes" was sung by Professor Hillo, who was dressed as His Sataple Majesty in by many supposed to be arrayed. The piece, which is by no means an easy one, comprising as it does a number of songs, was very well sung. It is perhaps superfluous for us to say this, as the Professor's manner of carrying out anything is pretty well known. Mr. Dirrell, a coloured gentleman, sang "Little Daisy" in a manner which at once brought him into favor, and he was not allowed to depart before he had sang three songs, which he very good-naturedly did with equal success. Two or three recitations also formed part of the programme, one of which, "The wreck of the *Nancy brig*," was delivered by Mr. Marks to fill up a gap in the programme. The piece is a most amusing one when properly handled, and we imagine that Mr. Marks has got the "go" in him, but he is as yet a "leetle" nervous on the platform, and his elocution suffers in consequence. The performance was brought to a close by Sergeant Arnold of the 74th singing a couple of songs in very good style, but the absence of an accompaniment was much felt. The meeting separated at about 10 o'clock.

NAVAL AND MILITARY ATHLETIC SPORTS.

THE Sports were continued to-day, the weather being much more enjoyable than yesterday, and an equally large concourse of people were drawn together to witness the fun. His Excellency the Governor and most of the leading residents and officials were again amongst the number, besides a large number of ladies, who thus showed the interest they take in our soldiers and sailors. The band of H.M.S. *Iron Duke* played during the afternoon, and altogether the gathering was a very pleasant one. The various events set down on the programme came off with regularity, and the ground was very much better kept than yesterday. The arrangements on the ground were carried out under the direction of Mr. J. M. Dowling and were as complete as could be expected; the absence of a stand was however much felt, the ladies being crushed in a motley crowd of some whom were not the most pleasant people in the world. However this is by the way, as we heard no grumbling.

Some amusement was created by the arrival of a number of the band of the 74th who, arrayed as coloured gentlemen, discoursed about things in general and nothing in particular besides treating their audience to a song or two. Six competitors came forward for the first event on to-day's programme (Throwing the Hammer) the best cast being made by Private Redding of the Royal Marines who threw it 70 feet 1 inch—Sergeant Tough of the 74th being a few inches behind him, 69 feet 9 inches. For the second event there were nine competitors, the time made being very good (38½ seconds). The prize for the "High Jump" fell to Private Dawson, a member of the Band, who cleared 6 feet 2 inches in splendid form. Dawson distinguished himself several times during the day, carrying off the first prize in no less than three events. In the high jump he cleared exactly his own height, a feat not often performed; and the manner in which he cleared the hurdles, was very pretty indeed.

Both the hurdle races were won by little men, the cup for the officers' race being carried off by Dunman who is by no means a giant. It was a drawn match for the second prize for the high jump, as all the competitors but one cleared 5 feet 4 inch, but on a second attempt they all failed. Gun Lascar Appianmi distinguished himself as in former years by diving and turning somersaults over the obstacle, instead of jumping like a Christian. He failed however, and had his "croppers" for nothing. The mile flat race was a very pretty one. There were eight started, McIntosh going off with the lead at once and running in good form. Appianmi, as usual, "blowed" himself the first round in his vain endeavours to pass the leader, and at length gave up, as did four others although, one or two of them held on for about three quarters of a mile. Connel was now the only man the leader had to fear, as he kept nursing him the whole time. They ran side by side very prettily for some distance, but towards the finish McIntosh got away from his antagonist, and landed a winner by several yards looking quite fresh—Downie running the distance for third prize. The jockey race was also a very good race; Stevenson with McAlpine on his back ran splendidly and had got a good lead; but within three or four yards of the finish he tripped and fell, leaving Kelham and Murphy with their respective burdens of Sygne and Dunman a dead heat for the honors.

The three-legged race was as usual very grotesque, but there were no mishaps, all coming in pretty well together. Lavery and Gardner of the 74th being first men. The sack race had to be run in two heats, as there were not sufficient sacks for all the men who had entered, and the first and second men in each heat had a final heat for the prize, Dawson being the lucky recipient. He adopted the more dangerous style of waddling inside the sack instead of the jump peculiar to this class of race.

A boy's race was got up on the spot, when 18 youngsters were brought together and handicapped by the Committee who were guided in this difficult task by what the youngsters said of each other's qualifications. The winner had been allowed a good start and knew how to keep it. The next event was the wrestling, for which twelve men came forward and were paired off by the Committee. Lieut. Needham acted as judge. The first pair were Connel and Foster, both 74th men, and they were exceedingly well matched, Foster being finally discomfited; Cleaver and Wanner, two Navy men, then had a set to, which was soon settled by Wanner being brought to earth. King (74th) and Wyatt (Navy) then came forward and were well matched; they had two or three tumbles but neither had the advantage, but King was at length thrown, and owing either to the manner in which he fell or the hardness of the ground or both, the poor fellow had his right shoulder dislocated, and had to be taken to the Hospital. This spoilt the wrestling, and the Committee decided to divide the prize amongst the men. After a fencing match which was won by Sergeant Carter, there were two tugs of war in which the Navy carried all before them. We give below the names of the gentlemen forming the Civilian's team. This brought the proceedings to a close.

- 1.—THROWING THE HAMMER.—1st Prize, \$4; 2nd, \$2.
1, Pte. Redding, R.M., 70ft. 1in.
2, Sergt. Tough, 74th, 69ft. 9in.
- 2.—220 YARDS FLAT RACE.—1st Prize, \$8; 2nd, \$4.
1, Lance Corp. McLaughlin, 74th.
2, Pte. Skinner, 74th.
—Time, 24 seconds.
- 3.—HIGH JUMP.—1st Prize, \$4; 2nd, \$2.
1, Bandman Dawson, 5ft. 2in.
2, (Not given).
- 4.—1 MILE FLAT RACE.—1st Prize, \$8; 2nd, \$4; 3rd, \$2.
1, Pte. McIntosh, 74th.
2, Connel, 74th.
3, Downie, 74th.
—Time, 5min. 55secs.
- 5.—JOCKEY RACE 100 YARDS.—Open to Officers of the Army and Navy, Officers of Foreign Ships of War, Members of the Hongkong and Germania Clubs.—Prize, a Cup.
1, Kelham carrying Sygne } dead
2, Murphy } Dunman } heat.
3, Stevenson } McAlpine.
4, Henegge } Cavendish.
5, Carey } Pagan.
6, Henderson } Clampton.
- 6.—THREE-LEGGED RACE, 100 YARDS.—Prize, \$8.
Lavery and Gardner, 74th.
- 7.—800 YARDS FLAT RACE.—Excluding all winners of previous races.—1st Prize, \$8; 2nd, \$4.
1, Pte. Jubb, 74th.
2, Smith, 74th.
—Time, 41 seconds.
- 8.—HURDLE RACE, 100 YARDS & 8 FLOATHS.—Open to Officers of Army and Navy; Officers of Foreign Ships of War; Members of the Hongkong Club and of the Club Germania.—Prize, a Cup.
1, Dunman.
2, Henegge.
- 9.—HURDLE RACE, 100 YARDS, OVER 8 FLOATHS.—1st Prize, \$8; 2nd, \$4.
1, Bandman Dawson, 74th.
2, Pte. McLaughlin, 74th.
- 10.—SACK RACE.—Prize, \$5.
1, Bandman Dawson, 74th.
2, Bowden, R.M.
- 11.—CONSOLATION RACE 220 YARDS.—1st Prize, \$4; 2nd, \$2.
1, McOrovia.
2, Marks.
- 12.—BOYS' RACE.—
1, Patterson.
2, Shepherd.
3, Hill.
- 13.—WRESTLING.—Best of three falls. No boots to be worn. No catching below the waist allowed.—1st Prize, \$10; 2nd, \$5.
Three were thrown, and the sport then stopped owing to an accident.

- 14.—FENCING.—SIXTHS STICK.
1, Sergt. Carter, 74th.
2, Mr. Schoolmaster Brown.
Lieut. Needham, R.M., Lieut. Friend, R.M., acting as Judges.
- 15.—TUG OF WAR.—
Officers of Army & Officers of Navy, and Navy win.
Navy & Civilian, and Navy win.

The following gentlemen comprised the Civilian's team: Messrs Legge, W. H. Taylor, Coxon, D. C. Travers, A. K. Travers, P. O. Oswald, J. Y. V. Shaw, Munroe, E. F. Alford, and H. E. Wodehouse. This concluded the sports of 1878.

SUPREME COURT.
IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.
(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice Snowden.)
11th February, 1879.

Spratt v. Lyall, \$80.—This was a claim brought by Messrs Spratt & Co., proprietors of the Compagnie des Douanes, against Messrs Norton & Co., of which firm Mr. Lyall is the managing partner, for the value of two casks of oil which had been stored, with several others, in defendant's godowns by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on behalf of the plaintiff. When the plaintiff was ready to take delivery of the oil &c., two casks were found to be empty, and plaintiff refused to take delivery. Mr. J. M. Emmanuel, a partner in Messrs Spratt & Co., appeared to prove the state in which the casks were found, and the action he had taken in the matter. The defence set up was that the casks had been leaking, and that the leakage was owing solely to the bad quality of the oil. It was shown in evidence that no notice had been given to the defendants of the state of the casks before they were delivered to be empty, by the defendant's cooia. The godown keeper was examined as to the storage, which was said to have been everything that could be expected. His Lordship gave judgment for the plaintiff, ruling that there was no neglect shown and that neglect must be shown in all cases of this sort.

Mr. Emanuel, later on, asked whether he could prosecute the godown-keeper for perjury; but his Lordship said he could not advise the plaintiff on that point. Mr. Johnson (Messrs. Sharp Toller and Johnson) appeared for the defence. J. H. Smith and others v. Theodore Pustan, \$851.40.—This was a claim made by Mr. J. H. Smith and others trading as Blackhead & Co. for goods sold and delivered. The defendant admitted his liability, but owing to the bankruptcy of Wm. Pustan & Co. certain complications had arisen. Mr. Johnson (of Messrs Sharp, Toller & Johnson) explained, on defendant's behalf, that he had funds to pay this debt, but that the Official Assignee had given instructions to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank to honour no cheques from defendant in the meantime. Mr. Holmes (of Messrs Stephens and Holmes) appeared for the plaintiff (Messrs Blackhead & Co.) and secured the Court that they had no intention to press the defendant. Mr. Johnson asked that execution be stayed. It was ultimately arranged that execution should issue on application to the Judge, and that notice be given to the defendant.

Louis Mendel v. Yui Boi Chow, \$124.49; same v. Chan Chau Loy, \$31.97.—The above cases arose out of the bankruptcy of Cha Se (the Tai Li Hong). Mr. Mendel, an creditor of the assignee, and was represented by Mr. Wotton (of Mr. Brereton's office), who proved both of the claims to be debts due to the bankrupt's estate. Neither of the defendants appeared, and judgment was given for plaintiff in both cases.

Manila.
(Translated from our Manila Exchanges.)

The steamer *Macan* will be sold on the 1st Feb. as she lies in 18 fathoms of water, in the east of Calaganian island, with all the provisions and cargo on board.

A slight shock of earthquake was felt here on the 30th Jan. at 2.30 in the afternoon, and shortly after, at 5.25, followed by another. So far as to the news on hand to-day (Jan. 25th), the floating of the *ste. Lete* is believed to be an easy task; that will not be easy, however, is to thoroughly repair the ship at this port. Perhaps the vessel will have to be sent to China for repairs, and for this purpose she will probably be taken in tow, owing to the risk the vessel is subject to in the present monsoon.

A telegram from Batangas dated the 24th Jan. says that at 1 p.m. that day, a fire broke out in the Parish of Bulao, destroying some five hundred houses, all of light materials, and that two persons perished in the flames.

It is said that a telegram is in town from Iloos Sur to the effect that a collision took place between a steam and a sailing vessel off that coast, and that the latter was somewhat injured. No other details are to hand.

The *Lete* arrived here on the 28th Feb. from where she had been beached after the collision with the *Cebu*. She was floated at 10 p.m. of the 28th without other means than the tide and by loosening the hawser by which she was kept attached to the shore. Since she was floated no time was lost in making for this port, where she arrived in 18 hours, while she covered the same distance in 8 hours only on her previous voyage. She will, as we anticipated, be sent to China for repairs.

A Madrid correspondent writes informing that the tender for laying the submarine cable between Luzon and Hongkong was advertised in the *Gaceta de Madrid*, and will be closed on the 14th February next.

Exactly at 7 p.m. of the 3rd February, a strong shock of earthquake was felt here, but fortunately it was not followed by oscillatory movement, which could have caused damage to buildings. The wreck of the *Macan* was disposed of at auction. The hull, machinery, rigging, and stores were sold for \$1,601; and the cargo only fetched \$6.25.

China.
SHANGHAI.
(News.)

We are informed that much dissatisfaction is felt both by the captains and engineers in the employ of the C.M.S.N. Co., owing to certain changes contemplated in connection with the recent reforms introduced into that Company, with reference to its future management and general conduct with a view to economy. Meetings of both branches of the service have, we hear, been held on the subject. Yesterday's *Hsin-poo* mentions that the idea of running a railway from the coal mines at Kai-ping to the sea coast had been given up. A great part of the intervening land being owned by the Manchus, considerable expense would have had to be incurred in making circuitous courses to avoid their property; and moreover, there would have been a difficulty in protecting the passing draught and baggage animals, of which there is an incessant stream both day and night on the high roads of Northern China. Moreover, an affluent of the river, passing within a distance of two li from the river's mouth, would be so deepened and widened as to allow of the carriage of water therefrom, without interruption to the sea.

THE "SITUATION" AT HONGKONG.
(From the Times' Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, Oct. 31.

The colony of Hongkong and the settlement of Shanghai, although distant geographically, are as intimately connected in two cities in the same country in England. They are the two great centres of trade and of European civilization in China; the leading commercial houses and banks are the same in both; their peculiar conditions, governed and taxed by foreigners, present so many points of likeness and comparison that the keenest interest is taken by each place, not only in the welfare of the other, but in the methods and success of its government. Hongkong has always had the advantage that the paramount power there is British, the laws administered are the laws of England or colonial ordinances in harmony therewith, and to British Courts every resident is amenable. To it, consequently, our *mélange* of consular and municipal powers has often looked for light in their dealings with Chinese residents in the foreign settlements, and the experience of Hongkong has always had the advantage that the paramount power there is British, the laws administered are the laws of England or colonial ordinances in harmony therewith, and to British Courts every resident is amenable. To it, consequently, our *mélange* of consular and municipal powers has often looked for light in their dealings with Chinese residents in the foreign settlements, and the experience of Hongkong has always had the advantage that the paramount power there is British, the laws administered are the laws of England or colonial ordinances in harmony therewith, and to British Courts every resident is amenable. 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